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Gentlemen:

I do hope it will be possible to publish the following:

Prior to publication of a book on the Reid family of Campbell County, Virginia, it would be very helpful if some of the heirs of John O. Reid who married Martha Rossner could be located. According to the U. S. Census they had the following children in 1850.

Richard W., Age 15; Federdinard C., age 13; Leondus G., age 10.

John O. Reid had two sisters: Clarissa who married Jack D. Harvey, and Martha F. who married William W. Williams. Information is also needed on these two families.

With my sincere thanks for your assistance,

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Elizabeth Reid Austin

Letter To Editor

Mr. W. Lloyd Vaughan
Times-Virginian
Dear Mr. Vaughan:

When a musical group performs just in one church or for a select group, it's usually appreciated, but I would like to thank the Rocks Quartet of Rocks Baptist Church for sharing their musical skill and dedication with ever so many people of this part of Virginia.

As you know, Rocks Quartet placed first in the Jay-Cee Country Music Show - then, just last Sunday sang again for a church service outside their own denomination by coming to Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church.

The response of the congregation and the many, many visitors Sunday morning was warm and enthusiastic. We, as church members and friends, would like the Quartet members and the public to know that the Quartet's good work of singing gospel music is continuing to make an impression wherever they go. Such sharing of themselves is a great expression of Christianity.

Very truly yours,
Jane W. Park
(Mrs. H. B., III)

Winners' Names

Some readers may not be familiar with the names of the members of Rocks Quartet, Rocks Baptist Church and the "Three - In - One", vocal trio from the Pamplin area who placed first and second in the recent Jaycees Country Music Festival.

Rocks Quartet members include Thomas Ranson, first tenor; Aulden Roach, second tenor; Samuel Dickerson, baritone and Lloyd Dickerson, bass. Accompanist is James Paulette.

The "Three-In-One" singers are Hope Paulette, Brenda Ferguson and Donna Paulette with Dennis Chernault as accompanist.

Bobbitt and Spencer, of Lynchburg, placed third in the annual event to provide funds for children of Appomattox County to go on a shopping tour for themselves and their families for Christmas.

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A NEW SONG

In your imagination go back in time to the year 1818. It is Christmas in the Tyrolean Alps. Massive snow-capped peaks rise to towering heights. Crisp cool air saturates the scene. In the village Oberndorf, Austria, the citizens have gathered for their annual Christmas service in the little country Church. At a particular point in the service they are at rapt attention while two men sing a Christmas hymn. The words and the tune hold the people spell bound and this is what they heard:

"Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and
Child!
Holy infant, so tender and
mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace."

Interestingly enough the two men singing the new Christmas hymn, "Silent Night", in that remote, snug alpine hamlet were the author and composer of the words and the tune. The author was Joseph Mohr, the composer was, Franz Gruber. They were good friends and when Mohr inspired by the hushed stillness of the Tyrolean landscape and Christmas time wrote the poetry, his friend was able to set the words to a tune that was in perfect harmony. Seldom have words and tune so perfectly harmonized in spirit and in meaning.

"Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven
afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born.
Christ, the Saviour, is born."

Written and first sung in Oberndorf, the new hymn was forgotten. Then one day an organ tuner asked Gruber to play a selection to test the newly tuned instrument in the Oberndorf Church. The new Christmas melody is what Gruber played. The organ tuner was overjoyed and ask for a copy of the hymn. He took it to his home across the mountains where there was a quartet of musically talented sisters, the Strasser sisters. They like d the new song immediately. Added it to their list and sang it one day in the great Cathedral of Leipzig, Germany. Here it was heard by well known musicians who admired it, used it and passed it on. What started in a village in the alps became known all across Europe.

"Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy
face,
With the dawn of redeeming
grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth."

Then one day in 1854 the Emperial Choir sang the hymn of Mohr and Gruber before the Emperor, Fredrick William IV. He was so enthusiastic that he ordered the new hymn to be sung at all Christmas programs. Of course other countries soon heard it, translated it and took it to their hearts This is how the song with a humble origin was given world recognition.

In a small way the story of this song reminds us of the Christmas story at Bethlehem where Christ the Saviour was born in a manger of an obscure village. Only years later to be recognized by all the world as Lord and King. Is he your Lord and King?

"Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born."

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THE GOOD NEWS

Lesson for December 5, 1971

Background Scripture: Luke 1: 1-4; Acts 1:1-5

The writers and editors of the various books of our Bible made very few personal references. Often they do not even identify who they are. Usually they do not tell us what purpose motivated them, although sometimes this is quite evident. An exception to the rule is the writer of the books of Luke and Acts (whom we will call Luke). Fortunately for those of us who are curious about such things, he gives us at least a glimpse into his own purpose, "Many Have Undertaken . . ."

For one thing, he tells us that there have been "many" who have attempted to tell the story of Jesus and the early church. He was referring, not only to the books we know as Matthew, Mark, and John, but a number of other "gospels" and books of "acts." It may come as a surprise to Christians today to learn that there were many writings to choose from when the New Testament was assembled. Those who decided what would be included in the New Testament believed that they were preserving for the church the best, most authoritative accounts – though not the only ones.

Secondly, it is obvious that Luke did not personally observe all that he wrote about, but collected his information from different sources. This he did, not simply so he could write a biography of Jesus, but so that he might put together an account of that which he believed was essential to convey the "good news" of Jesus Christ. Often, Christians forget that the gospels were not intended to be biographies – the gospel writers were not interested in biographies – but evangelistic tracts to challenge and win converts to Jesus Christ, "He Presented Himself Alive"

Thus the gospels are unlike biographies in that biographies are concerned primarily with history. But Luke is not writing about a "great man" who lived and died some time ago, but about a living Lord whose story has not ended but is continuing in the life of the Church, Luke's book is a story that is open-ended; it is still going on, new chapters are still being written.

Luke also had another purpose in writing his account of the life and ministry of Jesus and his church: he wanted people to see the reality of Christ in relation to their own lives and situations. Luke does not tell us everything Jesus did, but he tells us many of the acts and words of Jesus that had meaning, not only for the people of his own day, but ours as well.

Luke experienced the glory of the "good news" of Jesus Christ, but that experience was so compelling that he had to pass it on. However we do it, that is the challenge that comes to each of us.

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The Medal of Honor, the Nation's highest award for valor, was established by the 37th Congress on July 12, 1862.

Wool? Mohair Payment Program Continued Unchanged For 1972

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently that the incentive price of 72 cents a pound for marketings of shorn wool and a support of 80.2 cents a pound for mohair will continue unchanged in 1972 from 1971 levels.

These prices are in accordance with the National Wool Act as amended by the Agricultural Act of 1970 which requires that the support shall be at the above levels for each of the three marketing years through the end of 1973.

Pulled wool will continue to be supported at a level comparable to the incentive price for shorn wool through payments on unshorn lambs.

Shorn wool payments will be based on each producer's returns from sales. The percentage will be that required to raise the national average price received by all producers from shorn wool up to the announced incentive price of 72 cents a pound. For example, payments on 1970 marketings, which began in April, were made at the rate of 102.8 percent of the dollar return each producer received from the sale of shorn wool. This percentage was based on the difference between the incentive price of 72 cents and the national average grower price of 69.9 cents.

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Carrick, a senior,

was also a two way performer for the Raiders. As a running back, Mike rushed for 944 yards in 186 attempts. He scored 12 touchdowns for 72 points to lead the team in scoring. He caught 13 passes for 120 yards, had punt and kickoff returns also to give him well over a 1,000 yards in offense. He had two fumble recoveries and a pass interception on defense and averaged close to three tackles per game along with many assist. In the 10 games he gained over a 100 yards rushing in six of them. His longest run from scrimmage was 61 yards and in the opening game he had a punt return of 70 yards.

The honorable mentions were Jimmy Chandler and Randy Foster. Chandler, a fullback, gained 589 yards rushing in 125 carries and was second in scoring with 46 points. He kicked extra points and field goals for the Raiders. All his points came from kicking except 12 and that was two TD's he scored. Foster only carried the ball 28 times, but gained 122 yards and scored one touchdown during the year. He was strong on defense also as a cornerback and got his share of tackles when they run his side. Both, Chandler and Foster, are seniors this year.

I am sure it is an honor for Coach Jerry Robinson and his staff to have these boys picked to the All-Seminole District team and congratulations to them for the fine job that has been done.

Concord Varsity Team Enjoys Banquet

On November 13th, all three of the Concord Little League teams were honored with a football banquet at the Concord Elementary School. The dinner was served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Concord Rescue Squad with 172 persons attending. The players on all three teams received a football letter and outstanding players were named.

Pictured above are the players making up the VARSITY team for the Indians of Concord. The Varsity team is coached by Jim Good win and Clayton Stanley. At the banquet, Gregory Dolsey was named best defensive player and the most outstanding offensive player was Jim Lee.

This is the first season that Concord has had Little League teams and they are certainly to be congratulated on the fine progress they have made this year.

Gets First Big Game

On Saturday, November 20th, David Martin, 14 years old, killed his first big game when he bagged a 15 pound 3 ounce turkey near Vera. David, pictured above with his kill, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Martin of Pamplin.

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HOLIDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Fleshman, of Kittrell College, N.C., visited his mother, Mrs. Clara McFay, over the holidays.

Mrs. McFay also had as her guests her granddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Harvey and children, Reed and Teresa.

Mr. Floyd Allen, of Florida, was also here for the holidays.

Mr. Charles Fleshman has returned home from the hospital and is back at work.

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